



## Veterinary Services Europe 100th Medical Detachment (VS HQ)



### Pet shipment requirements

#### Information on shipping your cat and/or dog to the Frankfurt, Germany Airport

If you are shipping your privately owned dog and/or cat into the Frankfurt Airport there are requirements that must be met in accordance with German Law. You must decide if you will ship your animal with you or separately. In both cases you are required to have a bilingual health certificate (no older than 10 days) and current rabies vaccination (given 30 days to 1 year before arrival). Most U.S. civilian veterinarians and all CONUS military veterinarians have the [trilingual health certificate \(DD Form 2621\)](#).

If you ship your animal with you there is no cost to the owner to enter the country, and clearing customs with the proper paperwork is quick and easy. If you ship your animal separately there is a €50 fee and additional requirements. Provided are the requirements for shipping a privately owned dog and/or cat.

Privately owned dog and/or cat arriving at the Frankfurt Airport with their owner require:

1. A bilingual health certificate (no older than 10 days).
2. Current rabies vaccination (given 30 days to 1 year before arrival).

Privately owned dog and/or cat arriving separately into the Frankfurt Airport require:

1. A bilingual health certificate (no older than 10 days).
2. Current rabies vaccination (given 30 days to 1 year before arrival).
3. A fee of approximately 50 Euros.

**Once you arrive to pick up your privately owned dog and/or cat (if shipped separately) you are required to:**

1. Go to the Animal Station (Near the Lufthansa Cargo Center in Building 437 - Gate 25).
  - a. Pick up the paperwork for your animal.
  - b. Pay a €50 fee for processing of your dog and/or cat.
2. Go to the Veterinary Station (Building 437). You are required to have a copy of your animal's health certificate and vaccination records.
3. Go to Customs (Building 451) to have your dog and/or cat cleared.
4. Go back to the Animal Station with all your paperwork to pick up your dog and/or cat.

NOTE: Many airlines have a summer embargo: from 15 May to 15 September they will not ship pets as excess baggage due to the heat. Some airlines will make an exception for military

members on orders. The alternative is to use a commercial pet shipping service.

Military charter flights accept pets and will accept pets during the summer months. The cost for pets on a military flight may be less than on commercial airlines. Check with both.

### **Information on returning to CONUS with your cat and/or dog**

Dogs and cats do not require a health certificate to enter CONUS. However, the airline you are using may require a health certificate to accept your pet. Check with the airline.

Dogs require a current rabies vaccination given at least 30 days before entry. A valid rabies certificate with the vaccination expiration date is acceptable proof of vaccination. There is no vaccination requirement for cats.

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